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Weston Hansen
Quality Building Stone, Inc.
8809 South 700 West
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Re: Variances Granted, Quality Building Stone, Inc., Snow White Project S/015/084, Emery County, Utah

Dear Mr. Hansen:

On January 20, 2000, I was able to examine the Snow White project site in consideration of your request for several variances from the small mine operation reclamation practices. The site inspection confirmed that the project area includes an outcrop of white sandstone generally lacking any significant soil or vegetation in its current undisturbed state. The area at the base of the outcrop and the short section of access road from the existing road do contain vegetation and soils.

The Division will grant variances from the topsoil salvage requirement, the seedbed preparation requirement and reseeding requirement for your operation disturbances to be located on the rock outcrop. These variances do not apply to disturbances created at the base of the outcrop, or disturbances which are part of the new section of access road. The area at the base of the outcrop and new access road will need to be reseeded and revegetated as part of final reclamation.

Please be advised that since this project is on land managed by the BLM, these variances granted by the Division may not be applicable. You are advised to contact the BLM regarding their approval or denial of these variances. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (801) 538-5267. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Anthony A. Gallegos
Senior Reclamation Specialist

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cc: Dean Nyffeler, BLM Price FO
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